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**PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
WORK PROGRAMME**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be added to the previously approved work programme.

**Summary**

2. Members will recall that, at previous meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, discussions have been held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been, and is currently being undertaken in relation to some of these areas and work is still due to commence on others.
3. Members are now requested to consider the current status of the work programme and suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake.

**Recommendations**

4. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme and consider any additional areas of work they would like to include.

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Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

**Background Papers**

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Healthy Darlington Theme Group.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

## MAIN REPORT

### Work Programme

5. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Place Scrutiny Committee and Quad of Aims have previously been approved. The status of those items is detailed in the table below.
6. A key role of Scrutiny is to ensure that the programme is able to deliver the service improvement and the budget savings necessary and Members need to take this into account when considering their Work Programmes and ensure that any work focuses on delivering outcomes rather than service delivery.

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
New Local Plan	To contribute to and influence the development of the New Local Plan - Making and Growing Places Development Plan Document (DPD)	Ongoing –  Item appears elsewhere on this Agenda.
Economic Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Item to be programmed for spring 2016.
Housing Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy.  Item last considered 17 December 2015
Sport and Physical Activity Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Item to be programmed 2016.
Medium Term Financial Plan -	To monitor progress on the delivery of proposals under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.	To be programmed as part of the MTFP timetable.  To be programmed when timetable is approved.

Car Parking Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Car Parking Regulation was considered 22 October 2015.
Litter Reduction and Grounds Maintenance	To contribute to the Litter and Ground Maintenance Projects. Review regular updates from that Group.	Ongoing - Committee advised of the current status 18 December 2014.  Presentation - Councillor Lee on behalf of LitterFreeDurham appears elsewhere on this Agenda.
Wheeled Bins	To monitor the implementation of the Wheeled Bins in the Borough.	Ongoing – Scrutiny received a monitoring report on 20 March 2015.
Performance Management Update	To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management framework	Continual half-yearly monitoring will take place.  Monitoring reports to be submitted to meetings of this Committee scheduled for :  7 April 2016 – Year end Performance
Management of Change Programme		Continual half-yearly monitoring will take place.  Monitoring reports to be submitted to meetings of this Committee scheduled for :  11 February 2016 – Quarter 3 – Item deferred to 7 April 2016.  7 April 2016 – Year end performance
Cycling in Pedestrian Heart Action Plan	To monitor the Action Plan as agreed at Scrutiny 5 February 2015.	Item to be programmed April 2016.

Road Safety Audit	To scrutinise the results of the Audit.	Item to be programmed once the results of the Audit are known.
Theatre Hullabaloon and Civic Theatre Restoration Works	To provide Members with an updated position.	To be programmed.
Creative Darlington Board	To receive the Minutes of the Creative Darlington Board as recommended in the final Report of the Cultural Review Group.	Ongoing – Minutes of the meeting held 23 November 2015 received 17 December 2015. The Board meetings are scheduled as follows :-  29 Feb 2016; 6 June 2016; 19 Sept 2016; and 12 Dec 2016
Railway Heritage	To scrutinise and contribute to the Railway Heritage of Darlington.	Item to be programmed
Bank Top Masterplan	To contribute to and influence the Masterplan.	Considered at Special meetings of Scrutiny on 26 November 2015 and 19 January 2016 – Minutes of January meeting appear elsewhere on this Agenda.
Combined Authority	To scrutinise and contribute to the Combined Authority.	Item to be programmed
Cockerton Library	To scrutinise the arrangements for the future provision of the Library.	Item to be programmed

### **Quad of Aims**

7. If Members wish to add any item to the Work Programme a Quad of Aims would need to be developed and submitted to Monitoring and Co-ordination Group prior to being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.

### **Forward Plan**

8. Members are also requested to consider Cabinet's Forward Plan, which is available on the Council's website, to assist in determining any further items which they might wish to include on their Work Programme and if so, complete the necessary documentation.